State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Shelburne Museum was founded in 1947 in Shelburne, Vermont, by Electra

Havemeyer Webb; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Webb was a collector of what we now know as American folk art—everyday

objects such as quilts, weathervanes, decoys, trade signs and the like; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Webb chose to share her collection by creating a museum that was an

"educational project varied and alive" that served all; and

WHEREAS, 25 buildings from across New England and New York were transported to the

Shelburne Museum grounds, including a tavern, covered bridge, lighthouse, blacksmith's forge, jail, train station, and the 220-foot steamboat *Ticonderoga*; and

WHEREAS, after her passing in 1960, the Shelburne Museum continued to expand with the

addition of the Electra Havemeyer Webb Memorial Building in 1962, Pleissner

Gallery in 1984, and Round Barn in 1985; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education opened, facilitating year-round

operation of the Shelburne Museum and adding world-class gallery and classroom

space to the institution; and

WHEREAS, the Shelburne Museum grew to be the largest art and history museum in northern

New England and is valued by Vermonters and tourists alike, receiving some

100,000 visitors and welcoming about 8,000 school children every year; and

WHEREAS, the Shelburne Museum is a cultural anchor in the community and local economy that

draws visitors to the area, an educational resource for schools across the state, and a

place of wonder and discovery for community members and visitors of all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 10, 2022 as

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHELBURNE MUSEUM DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

Vermont on this 9th day of September, A.D. 2022.

Philip B. Scott Governor

Brittney Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs